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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG, PBOR, IS, EG, US
SUBJECT: AMOCO INCIDENT

REF: CAIRO 07990

1. WE NOTE THAT BY COMMENCING DRILLING (REFTEL) AMOCO HAS IN FACT "CREATED FACTS ON THE GROUND," WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER YADIN ARGUED AGAINST. WE WERE INFORMALLY ADVISED THAT THE ISRAELIS WERE NOT GOING TO PURSUE THE MATTER ON MARCH 11 DUE TO THE SABBATH. THEN THE TERRORIST ATTACK OCCURRED. DESPITE ISRAELI PREOCCUPATION WITH THE TERRORIST INCIDENT, ARMA WAS TODAY QUEIRED BY BOTH DIRECTOR MILITARY INTELLIGENCE GENERAL GAZIT AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE CONCERNING THE "STATUS OF THE BOUYS". IN BOTH CASES ARMA RESPONDED THAT THIS WAS A POLITICAL QUESTION WHICH HE HAD NO AUTHORITY TO DISCUSS.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT THE ONLY REASON WE HAVE NOT OFFICIALLY HEARD FROM THE GOI TODAY CONCERNING THE
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SITUATION IN THE GULF IS THE TERRORIST ATTACK. ALTHOUGH AMOCO BELIEVES THAT THE INCIDENT MAY BE OVER (PARA 3 REFTEL), WE DOUBT THAT SUCH IS THE CASE AND ANTICIPATE SOME KIND OF GOI REACTION WITHIN A DAY OR TWO.

3. THERE IS ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE ISRAELIS DID INDEED MAKE A NAVIGATIONAL MISTAKE AND HAVE NOW

DECIDED TO BACK OFF FROM THEIR PROTEST; HOWEVER, WE
HAVE NO INDICATION THIS IS SO.

4. GIVEN CHANGED SITUATION IN THE GULF SINCE
STATE 063387 WAS SENT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE NEW
INSTRUCTIONS.
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